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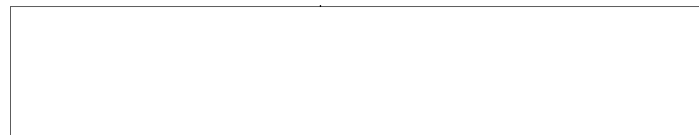
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The Office of Scientific and Weapons Research and the Office of Soviet Analysis have prepared a memorandum addressing the development of Soviet tanks with reduced volume turrets. We now believe that the Soviets may have begun development of such a tank about five years earlier than previously assessed. If so, a tank with reduced volume turret could be ready for initial operational capability as early as 1987. This memorandum has been prepared to aid the DSB summer study panel assessing the Armor Anti-Armor Competition, to be conducted in San Diego, CA, 29 July-9 August 1985. (S)



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